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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The celebration of "The Week" in 1972 centered around an experiment in outreach. We wished to find out if blind and visually handicapped people would find a local collection of material useful, but it turned out that generally they preferred to use the excellent service offered by the Perkins School for the Blind.

PUBLIC USE OF THE BUILDINGS

During the year all the buildings in the system were used to a greater extent than in 1971. There was hardly a night when all the available meeting space was not in use, and the daytime meetings increased markedly. Often two or more meetings were taking place at the Central building as well as the branches, so that it became necessary to reserve ahead for the space required for staff meetings and conferences.

MR. REGINALD B. HEGARTY
R.I.P.
JANUARY 18, 1973

The library suffered an irreplaceable loss in the death of the Curator of the Melville Whaling Room on January 18, 1973. His knowledge and dedication will never be found in anyone of our generation.

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and books; only duplicates are now in the stacks. Additional filing cabinets were placed in the Treasure Room, as were the scrap books of New Bedford history donated by John Ashley.

The Curator of the Melville Whaling Room fell ill in September and passed away on January 18, 1973. He will be greatly missed.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Film programs were held at two institutions and at several locations in the system consistently during the year. The staff conducted film programs at Schwartz Rehabilitation Center, the St. John Nursing Home, and also loaned the films borrowed to the Dennison Memorial Mission. In addition there were regular weekly programs at Central and the Branches. The West End Day Nursery was an added service started in December. Total attendance for the year was 2638.

The Trustees and staff were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Maude Johnson when she retired after 11 years of service.

SUB-REGION

The library is the resource center for the southern tier of the Massachusetts Eastern Public Library Region, under contract with the Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension. Besides opening the library's holdings and tracking down requested material, the library operates a weekly delivery service to fifteen other

libraries in the area. The libraries in the central part of the region - Fairhaven, Dartmouth and New Bedford - form a nucleus of cooperative effort; other libraries, such as Fall River, Wareham and Plymouth, have their own focus of activity.

PLANT The library buildings were maintained at an adequate level; roofs repaired, windows replaced and equipment serviced. Many lights in windows which were broken by vandals were replaced by transparent plastic or other unbreakable materials and a major effort was made to restore the southern branch. The rear grounds were reseeded and the entrances to it were sealed by gates. Two 20,000 lumen street lights were located to illuminate both the parking lot and the rear grounds.

A ramp was installed at the Central building, eliminating the step and thus enabling the disabled to enter and use the building. A vestibule was installed to block the flow of cold air that prevented the use. for public service, of the lower foyer.

THE STAFF The staff of the library are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have accepted the changes brought about by the pressures of the times and the development of the central building, particularly, to provide more open shelving in which our

users may find the material they want. The increased work load has been cheerfully borne and all have worked together as a team as the pressure increased.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
Mrs. Cecelia Weaver, Head

The circulation during the year of 1972 increased about 5%.

The year began with the flu and by the middle of February we had 14 people out at one time! Those of us who managed to keep healthy, kept the home fires burning and I was proud of the cooperation of the people in my department.

Early in April the plan to shift personnel from the branches to central on a temporary basis became a reality. This was the first time that this had been done and most people so transferred were unhappy until they settled down to their new duties and made new friends, or renewed old acquaintances, among the staff and patrons.

The city Neighborhood Youth Corps had funding troubles, as did many agencies, and we did not get any pages for a long time. The Neighborhood Youth Corps cut their budget tremendously in the winter to save the money for summer jobs. This is no help to us, because it is in the winter that we need them!

On May 31, we got our first "Work Study" girl from Regis College. She is not studying Library Science, but Biology. However, she worked out very well and was a great help to us during the vacation season.

On June 1 we added audio cassettes to the material we issue from the Pleasure Reading Room. The circulation on these was a little slow at first but now it is widely known we have them they are circulating more frequently.

At this time I received 10 girls from the Youth Corps to work 23 hours a week. These girls are strictly pages and each works one night a week in that capacity and, of course, the rest of the hours are daytime, which are spent paging, reading shelves and the like. Mayor Markey sent over a group of girls (8) for the summer.

Our biggest job during the summer was an inventory of the periodical section in the stacks. We removed the older issues and made more space for the more recent issues on the stack adjacent to the main desk, so they are more accessible for the pages. This is an annual summer housekeeping chore but is so important! With periodicals kept in the closed stacks, they must be in good order or the pages can never find those the public wants.

The library worked with the Parker School in an experiment with the Special Education Class. Each head of department was requested to give a lecture at the school, explaining the workings of their own department. On December 7 I gave my talk and received the complete at-

tention of the children. They showed great interest and asked many questions. After we had all given our talks the children came to the library and took turns "working" along with us alternating departments each day, so they could get a good idea of how their learning was used in real life. Several other agencies in the downtown area also did this. I have not heard to date whether this project was a success. I only know that we did our best.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia F. Weaver, Head
Circulation Department

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Miss Pauline Bolduc, Head

The Technical Services Department started and finished the division of the center card catalog into an author-title catalog and a subject catalog. This division has been readily accepted by the public.

Some of the advantages are:

1. A spectacular improvement in the United States drawers. United States as an author, as titles, and as subjects were confusing to the public when they were interfiled. Pulling out all United States subject headings makes the United States as author, and United States titles much easier to find and use.
2. It makes for easier filing. It is more accurate and allows faster filing and revision.
3. As a bonus for book ordering, it is easy using the subject catalog to spot at a glance how many and how few books we have on a particular subject.
4. In dividing the catalog we managed to find drawer space for our foreign language books.

Another project Mr. Aguiar, members of the Casa da Saudade, and I completed was the cataloging and processing of several hundred Portuguese books.

The Technical Services Department cataloged and processed several hundred foreign books, including French, Spanish and Portuguese books.

Because fiction books were not included in the book catalogs made during the library's experiment in data processing, we are continuing our project of preparing and inserting catalog cards for them in the catalog.

During the year we experimented with purchasing ready made cards and labels from the Josten Company. This has proved to be only partially successful. We are now looking into the Nelinet (New England Library Information Network) catalog card production program.

I am very proud to represent the library on the Advisory Committee and as a member of the Resource Training Corps of the YWCA-based Friendly Visitors Program to shut-ins and senior citizens. The program, through the help of the volunteer visitors, will make available to our elders the library's books, records, cassettes, and the Library of Congress's talking book machines, and cassette players for the blind and physically handicapped.

The Technical Services Department participated in the Parker School experiment and I taught this class basic cataloging (where the classifi-

cation number comes from, where the subject headings come from, sorting and filing catalog cards) and the use of the card catalog for searching a particular book or subject.

I believe both these programs of note have long been needed and it is hoped will prosper.

My heartfelt thanks for the support given me by our able assistant cataloger, Mrs. Frances Sanderson, and our efficient staff members.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Bolduc, Head
Technical Services Department

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT
Miss Thelma Paine, Head

Inquiries to this department continue to increase for the third year. With a direct telephone line, additional dedicated workers and more materials available, we are happy to note that we accomplished more and did it well.

The inclusion of Genealogy and Melville Whaling Room in this department has increased the work load of the Reference Department, as personnel are on call anytime to fill in.

Reference queries increased nearly 10% over last year, with the ratio between "in person" questions and telephoned questions changing towards more "in person". The staff helps the public use the A/V microfilm equipment when required, though more and more this is a self-serve operation.

Typical questions fielded by the staff are: Acupuncture, Cable TV; Safe Street Act; Laws pertaining to Beano.

Some unusual ones of particular interest: Origin of the necktie; an art exhibit held in 1858; use of fish skin.

Displays:

February - The Carney Academy displayed posters and drawings of Frederick Douglass for Negro History Week.

March - Ceramic exhibit by two members of the Boys' Club.

April - National Library Week April 16-22. Emphasis was placed on the handicapped. Four exhibits were made available to us:

1. Catholic Guild for the Blind
2. Crystal Springs Nursery in Assonet
3. Retarded Children's Center of New Bedford
4. Isaac H. Schwartz Children's Center. Paintings and drawings.

Materials for these exhibits were hand made. Perkins Institute sent talking books and machines, Braille magazines, miscellaneous lists.

July - New Bedford authors

August - Display of maps, old and new

October - Black poetry

Thanksgiving and Christmas, the usual traditional displays were installed.

Special Displays:

Career exhibit was held at Lincoln Park on October 16 and 17. We emphasized the regional cooperation between libraries. The library as a career was represented by books and pamphlets.

Paintings and Prints. Old Bergen Art Guild, Bayonne, New Jersey,

sent two traveling exhibitions of fine artists, most of whom are listed in the Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Art, etc. All the paintings and prints were for sale.

Letters:

A Texas student interested in Herman Melville.

Pairpoint Manufacturing Company.

An art exhibit held in New Bedford in 1858. This was copied and sent to the University of Rochester.

"List of Forty-Niners from New Bedford and vicinity". Sent to California State Library Reference Department.

Whales and whaling in 1900. Photocopied and sent to York, England.

Use of fish skin. A letter from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Audio Visual:

Reader printer: 348 copies in spite of its "off and on" antics.

Regional Projector: 75 borrowers.

Microfilm in constant use.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Paine, Head
Reference Department

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT - Genealogy Room
Kieran Chapman

Major accomplishments in the room amount to filing and arranging all microfilm (both newspapers and records) in chronological order. Rearrangement of books also was a major event. There are only duplicates in the overflow stacks and the room itself follows a strict numerical order. Exceptions to the rule are seen in books that are beyond repair (located in fourth file drawer) and the hard bound periodicals.

The Treasure Room has influenced the work accomplished in the Genealogy Room. The Charles S. Ashley scrapbook material donated to the Library is now stored in the Treasure Room. Pamphlet boxes from the fifth stacks are also located there. New filing cabinets were placed in the Genealogical Room and these are to be used for New Bedford material. Inventory was also taken in the latter half of the year and the results, though not perfect, were encouraging.

In the new year we look forward to enlarging our collection in regard to relevant indexes and family histories, and also hope to receive microfilm that is significantly associated with the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kieran Chapman
Genealogy Room

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT - Melville Whaling Room
Reginald Hegarty, Curator
(Now deceased - report submitted by Mrs. Janet Williams)

During the past year the Melville Room continued to serve its patrons by searching for and seeking out invaluable information that could not be obtained elsewhere. This department has received and answered inquiries from across the country and abroad. The department has also received many gratifying responses in return.

Many students used our collection to write term papers and theses; one professor completed his doctorate from information he obtained from the room.

Twenty-five log books and journals were rebound. The room was the recipient of a number of gifts, all were valuable to the growth of the collection.

An unfortunate event occurred during the latter part of the year with the illness of our Curator, Mr. Hegarty. He is greatly missed by our staff and patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Williams
Melville Whaling Room Assistant

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT - Audio Visual Section
Peter S. Barney

Nearly 2000 people viewed educational and travel films shown by the library during the year. Monday afternoon films are the more popular ones. They are travel films for the most part, and are in color and fairly recent productions. Furthermore, the program is in the afternoon and more people feel safer on the streets of the center at this time of day than they do at night. The average attendance was 44.

Thursday night programs fail to attract a large crowd most of the time. The largest crowd this fall was 25 persons. This is supposed to be a family film night, but families rarely attend. The usual crowd consists of older men and women, and a few children, in contrast to Monday's crowd which is usually composed of senior citizens, 65% elderly ladies. The average attendance was 19.

A source of free or low rental feature films has to be found for interest to be sustained in the Fall of 1973.

The record collection was inventoried and all records were renumbered in an orderly system. This was done at the Center. At the branches only the new records for 1972 were introduced into circulation with the new numbering system. There was some discarding of damaged records at the branches but more will have to be done in 1973.

Approximately 50 records were discarded at the center due to damage - scratches, warps, old age, etc. There is no complete figure due to the reorganization of the card catalog and the fact that cards for past withdrawals had not been taken out of the catalog.

Over 300 new records were added to the library's record holdings in 1972, bringing the total to 1365. We were pleased to receive the gift of 78 records during the year.

Children's records were added at the end of the year and promptly vanished into circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter S. Barney
Audio Visual Section

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT
Charlotte S. Nye, Head

1972 A Film Year

During 1972, the Juvenile Department concentrated on Film Programs - at the Center Library and at each Branch. Films were also shown at the Schwartz Rehabilitation Center for Children and at St. John Nursing Home for Retarded Adults.

Both the Schwartz and the St. John Nursing Home were very appreciative. One of the young SMU students working with the youngsters at Schwartz, brought some of the childrens' art work, along with their photographs, to be displayed during National Library Week.

The staff of St. John's paraded all 48 truly ambulatory patients down to see us on several occasions - wheelchairs and all!

Our Mrs. Martha Boudreau is their "pride and joy". They look forward to her Thursday visits - no matter how poor a selection of films we've managed to put together. Originally about 30-35 patients would gather to see the pictures, but this Fall we have averaged 45-50 persons in our audience.

In conjunction with the Vacation Reading Club we ran weekly film programs at the Center and each Branch Library, as well as continuing

the weekly program at St. John. At this time we began sharing our films with the Dennison Memorial, as they were having difficulty getting the films to show to the retarded boys and girls. Except for a short period when their projector was being repaired, this system has continued twice weekly, and is still going on. In this way, nearly 200 more boys and girls see the Library films.

In November we obtained a few Juvenile "paperbacks". We have to shelve them in one section of our record bin, consequently they do not get as much use as we had hoped. If we had a revolving paperback display case, perhaps they would circulate more regularly.

In December, the West End Day Nursery asked to be added to our Film Program. We managed to get in one showing for them before Christmas. Beginning in January they are scheduled for Friday mornings at 9:30 A.M. for two showings - one for three year olds and one for four to five year olds.

Millicent Library has been very generous with their films and we have tried to reciprocate with ours. Thanks again - Mrs. Beverlye Hill and Miss Rita Steele!

Again our grateful thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Lacoste for our Program flyers. I don't know what we would do without her.

Other Activities:

a. In May, an "in-training" group of Teacher Aides spent two afternoons with me going over our picture books available for Head Start Pre-School programs.

b. A group from Carney Academy also came to look through our collection of Black History materials and were pleasantly surprised.

c. In November we participated in the Parker School Career Study Program. The hours the children were available for "work" was bad for the Juvenile Room, but the youngsters did get an opportunity to see and share some of the behind-the-scene chores making up our daily routine.

d. During Christmas week we began circulating a Juvenile Record Collection. To start with, we owned about 62 records. For several days every single one was in circulation. Since then, we have added about one hundred more and we feel our Record Collection is off to a good start!

Retirement

October 31 was a sad day for all of us when Mrs. Maude Johnson retired after eleven years in the library. Thanks to all her Library Friends, she had a huge "send-off" and went home much happier than when she came to work in the morning.

A great deal of our time this year has been spent outside the Library walls, but we have made many new friends, both young and old and shown a great many people that the library is not only a storehouse for books. It is also a group of human beings who care and who are glad to share the library's wares and programs with those who are unable to come and see for themselves just what it has to offer. Perhaps our book circulation has not increased as a result of these visits, but I'll guarantee that the "Library Ladies" are known in far more households than they were a few short years ago. The Children's Department will do its best in every possible way, to promote the New Bedford Free Public Library and its services in as many parts of the city as our schedule permits during 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte S. Nye, Head
Juvenile Department

BUTTONWOOD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Lucy Sherman, Head

Several new innovations were inaugurated this year of 1972. New books, records, longer hours open, the introduction of a paperback collection and cassettes and finally a copying machine were acquired for the use of the community.

As of January 31 the branch has been opening its doors to the public at 9:30 A.M. rather than 10 o'clock. This increases the availability of our services to the patron three more hours weekly.

In the spring new records and cassettes were purchased so that by the end of the year our collection increased to 123.

A children's film program covered 8 weeks of the summer months, with a total of 176 in attendance. The largest single group was 45, while the smallest was 6, our first program. Forty children between the grades 1-6 registered for the summer reading club. Twenty-eight children reported on the books they read.

At different times the lecture hall displayed works of art by the secondary grade schools. The first of these were winners of a contest sponsored by the local automobile dealers in connection with George

Washington's birthday. Area school children grades 1-6 were eligible with the 3 best from each grade receiving prizes plus one grand prize. Later in the year 3 neighboring school children displayed works selected by the art teacher. One outstanding fourth grade project was a panorama of the whaling scene which aroused considerable attention and admiration. Several classes made field trips to the library.

Mr. Clement Daley, New Bedford resident and graduate of SMU, displayed his black-and-white sketches of New Bedford past. These were the originals from which he assembled and printed a fine art memento of the City. The library bought Eight Black Inventors written by a native son and a frequent patron of this branch, Mr. Robert C. Hayden.

During the course of the year 277 meetings were held here, not counting the three days the rooms were used as a voting precinct. The approximate number of people attending meetings numbered 4302. Those of the community making use of the hall are the garden club, scout leaders, college club, union leaders, bankers, nurses, Great Books, to mention a few.

Weeding, mending, processing of books go on as needs demand. For the book sale we contributed some 200 cast-offs as well as adult materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy A. Sherman, Head
Buttonwood Community Library

WILKS BRANCH LIBRARY
Irva M. Torres, Head

Once again I am pleased to report that the Wilks Branch has steadily increased its circulation statistics. In '71 we circulated 84,290 pieces of library material, only to be surpassed in '72 as we reached 88,568. The largest increase showed in the adult circulation, especially with the paperback books. I am happy to compliment our staff on their devotion, courtesy, and most of all hard work.

Classes from the Immaculate Conception School visited our library and were given a basic knowledge of the card catalog, also, of the reference material available. I would like to add at this time our "thank you" to Miss Paine of the Reference Department for the financial aid in bringing our reference material up to date. One of the most enjoyable visits was from a class of pre-school children from the Ashley School. They were delighted with the books and promised to come and visit us again.

Many children registered for the Summer Reading Program, but, only a few showed interest throughout the summer. In contrast, the Children's Films drew a large group of children of all ages.

One of the highlights of the year came during the month of May when an exchange program, sponsored by the Portuguese Education Society, brought

to our branch a display of art work done by children of Portugal. An evening prevue was held for invited guests, then, it was open to the public. They were very colorful and entertaining.

Needless to say, one of our most valuable assets is still our Olivetti Copier machine. Of course, the use of the copier means that the student does not have to take the book out of the library. This lowers the circulation, but, the convenience of the patron has to be considered.

Vandalism has been at a minimum, with only three damaged windows in the rear of the building. The use of a monitor during the evening hours has proven to be beneficial.

We ended our year on a happy note, full of Christmas spirit. With the purchase of an artificial Christmas tree we eliminated the danger of a possible fire hazard. Not only was it easier to care for, but also it was more pleasing to the eye. A new trend was started during the holidays with the serving of coffee and cookies (compliments of the staff) to the public. It created such a feeling of warmth between the patrons and the staff that we hope to repeat it each year at Christmas time.

Respectfully submitted,

Irva M. Torres, Head
Wilks Branch Library

HOWLAND-GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY
Cezaltina Mendoza, Head

During the first part of the year the grounds around the library were greatly improved. New grass was planted and we had a nice green lawn all summer. Two benches were added to the front lawn for the benefit of the gentlemen who like to sit around and talk with friends. They really made use of these benches during the mild weather. In the parking lot, the broken lights were replaced by a large flood light, and all the broken windows in the back of the building were repaired.

Movies for children were held throughout the year and were a big hit. Our incomplete figures show an attendance of at least 395. During the summer we had a reading club which started out poorly because everyone seemed to have gone to summer camp. After the middle of July things improved with 32 signing up and 28 participating.

The meeting hall was used for 160 meetings with 2,072 patrons attending, plus several hundred more who used the hall for voting.

Cassettes were put into circulation in October and are very popular with the young people.

In November, 400 new paperbacks were added to our collection of several hundred donated copies. These are now on a paperback display rack

and are circulating very well. On the other hand, hardcover novels seem to be declining in popularity. However, this may be due to the holiday season when patrons do not read as much. We will be able to tell after the first of the year.

We have been quite busy with reference work, mostly with school children. There were 2,386 reference questions that we kept track of, plus many that we forgot to mark down.

Our circulation continued to show a loss, most of which was in the adult department. However, at the very end of the year, in December, we had a gain of 110. We hope this is the start of a trend for 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Cezaltina Mendoza, Head
Howland-Green Branch

CASA DA SAUDADE (Portuguese) BRANCH LIBRARY
Luis Aguiar, Head

Casa da Saudade has had an exciting and encouraging year. The statistics and response of our patrons have done much to secure the future of this branch. We were very pleased with the numerous articles which appeared in several newspapers and the support voiced on the radio. In fact, I have just been invited to appear on television to discuss the "Casa da Saudade".

In June, I attended and participated in a workshop on "Selection and Acquisition of Spanish and Portuguese Language Materials for School and Public Libraries". This workshop took place at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst, and there I spoke about "Casa da Saudade" and its aims.

I continue to send articles to local Portuguese newspapers and magazines about the "Casa".

Courteous service and good will will prevail in '73 with the help of our staff, our patrons and the community in general.

Registration: In 1972 there were 608 applications for library cards.
Circulation: 42,465 which raises the monthly average from approximately 2,644 in 1971 to approximately 3,538 in 1972.

We were very pleased with the increase in circulation from 2,644 a month to 3,538 in 1972 considering the size of our operation. Not included, of course, in these figures are the many who come in daily to read newspapers and magazines and the students who consult our reference material. I have found it necessary to broaden our reference services and place someone to work most of the day in that department. Reference questions have come in from many parts of the country by mail and our telephoned questions even included several from New York. Next year I will have statistics on reference questions.

Visitors:

It was our pleasure to receive guests from the Bilingual Programs in New Bedford, Fall River, Kingston, and Providence, R.I. We have been visited by librarians from many libraries throughout New England and by people from Providence, Boston, Taunton, Indiana, California, Canada, Portugal, and South America who had heard about "Casa da Saudade" and had made it a point to come in and ask about our branch. I have also been interviewed by many university students.

Programs:

We don't have enough room for the number of people who come to enjoy our programs. In March we were fortunate to have as our speaker, Joseph Mello, who is the Director of the Outpatient Clinic. Over 60 people crowded in to watch a simulated encounter group session. Some of the people present were young people who had taken drugs at one time and wanted to know why they should stop. Every Saturday morning during the year was set aside for our children. They enjoyed filmstrips and movies some weeks and "Arts and Crafts" other weeks. The "Arts and Crafts" was very popular with the young and with their parents. Unfortunately, the supplies donated by a friend of "Casa da Saudade" ran out and everyone is asking when they will start again. There were programs for adults every month.

Program Statistics

	Number of Programs	Attendance
Adult	12	293
Juvenile	26	378
Total	38	671

Respectfully submitted,

Luis F. Aguiar, Head
Casa da Saudade

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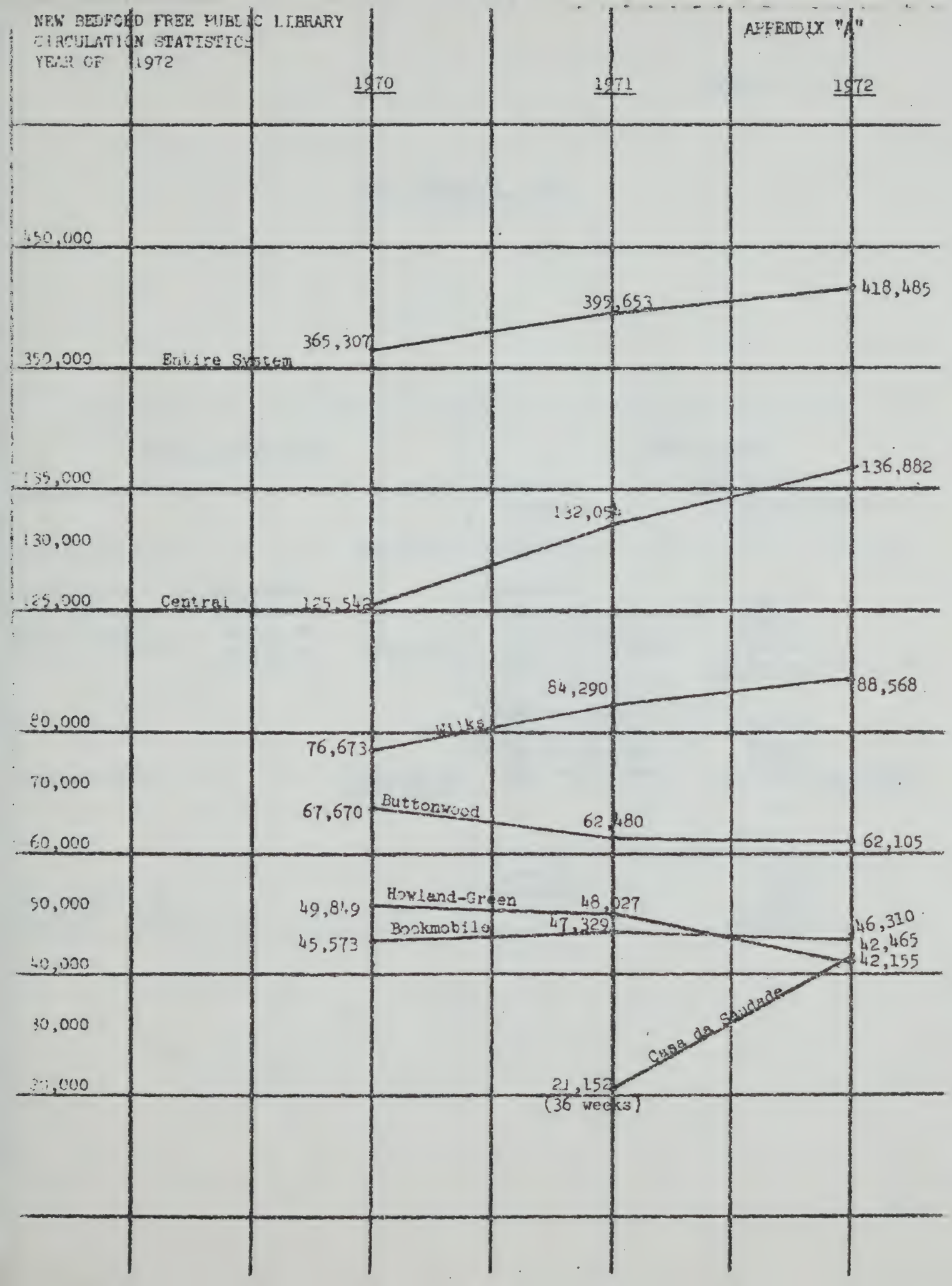
CIRCULATION STATISTICS
YEAR OF 1972

APPENDIX "A"



1972 FINANCES 1972

Where It Came From			Where It Went		
Balance from 1971.....		$ 4,024.00	Salaries.....	$326,468.00	
			Custodial.....	64,419.00	$390,887.00
City of New Bedford.....		370,584.00	Materials.....		101,783.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts			Operation		
Per Capita Grant..	$36,166.00		Supplies.....	$ 7,696.00	
Eastern Region...	40,000.00		Communication.....	3,426.00	
Casa da Saudade..	30,000.00	108,166.00	Building Repairs..	9,106.00	
			Other.....	29,930.00	49,158.00
			Carried forward to 1973:		
			Bequest Funds.....	$ 4,063.00	
			Art Restoration...	302.00	
Bequest Funds.....		64,131.00	Casa da Saudade...	712.00	5,077.00
		$546,905.00			$546,905.00
			Salaries (less Custodial)	68.5% ✓	
			Materials	10.3%	21.3%
			Operation	21.2%	10.2%
				100.0%	
Per Capita:	$5.35				
Tax Rate:	$2.64				

1972

LIBRARY FUNDS

Fund	On Hand 1971	Received 1972	Disbursed 1972	Balance
Frederick S. Allen	$ 5.09	$ 55.52	$ 56.69	$ 3.92
James B. Congdon	8.12	27.81	28.91	7.02
George O. Crocker	8.76	316.56	311.91	13.41
Oliver Crocker	7.05	55.50	61.52	1.03
George Howland, Jr.	7.30	88.94	93.83	2.41
Sylvia Ann Howland	1.53	3262.54	3172.70	91.37
Susan Jones	1.82	839.11	835.45	5.48
Kempton Fund	.37	19,400.42	19,193.53	207.26
Elizabeth Mackie	28.37	55.50	64.54	19.33
Charles W. Morgan	14.46	55.50	66.73	3.23
Clara Tripp	765.35	1115.18	956.39	924.14
Florence Waite	.97	537.08	473.20	64.85
Patty Wilcox	54.78	255.80	140.98	169.60
Charles Wood	14.15	111.15	40.53	84.77
Wilks	3105.70	37,452.41	38,395.46	2162.65
Restoration Ball Acct.	500.00	502.46	700.00	302.46

APPENDIX "G"

1972

LIBRARY FUNDS

Fund	On Hand 1971	Received 1972	Disbursed 1972	Balance
Frederick S. Allen	$ 3.09	$ 55.52	$ 56.69	$ 3.92
James B. Congdon	8.12	47.81	48.91	7.02
George O. Crocker	8.76	346.56	341.91	13.41
Oliver Crocker	7.05	53.50	61.52	1.03
George Howland, Jr.	7.30	88.94	93.83	2.41
Sylvia Ann Howland	1.53	3262.54	3172.10	91.57
Susan Jones	1.82	839.11	835.45	5.48
Kempton Thad	.37	19,400.42	19,193.53	207.26
Elizabeth Mackie	28.37	55.50	64.54	19.33
Charles W. Morgan	14.46	55.50	66.73	3.23
Clara Tripp	765.35	1115.18	956.39	924.14
Florence Waite	.07	537.08	473.20	64.85
Patty Wilcox	34.78	255.80	140.50	169.60
Charles Wood	14.15	111.15	40.53	84.77
Wills	3105.70	37,452.41	30,395.46	2162.65
Restoration Hall Asset:	500.00	502.46	700.00	302.46